



Kennett High School



Principal's Report
October 10, 2016

Identified Improvement Targets in Progress

1. The leadership team has worked to create a new instructional rounds format to be used throughout the high school. A monthly schedule will be posted on the common faculty Google Docs site and teachers will select a time and a skill set they wish to view. The faculty strengths listing is being updated and the various professional development skills will include assessing student learning styles, classroom management, small group work and interdisciplinary work. There are over a dozen skills available and each faculty member is expected to join one rounds observation team per semester. This is a terrific way to leverage in-house strengths for faculty professional development.
2. The PSAT test is being administered to everyone in our junior class on Wednesday, October 19th. This test is no charge for our juniors and is excellent preparation for the SAT test to be administered by the state next April. It will provide each junior with a specific SAT preparation plan on Khan Academy based on their PSAT results.

Student & Staff Accomplishments

- The Kennett High students participated in the NH Tackles Hunger Food Drive on Friday night September 23rd, during the football game. One hundred and ninety six items of food were collected with an additional \$80 donated toward the cause. Thank you to everyone for your generosity!
- The ninth grade humanities/interdisciplinary work continues to grow and make strong connections with our students. Most recently Jess Tilton and Kat Murdough reached an outstanding level of engagement with a careful balance of "open wall" days during *Romeo and Juliet* and the introductory culture unit in World Cultures. They told me "I'm not sure we've ever heard so many students say, "I love this class, when are we doing this again?" On team three, Melissa Cyr and Taylor Kanzler are trying a different approach, leaving the wall open *every day* and offering carefully monitored choices for each new project.

- We are once again offering free flu vaccines in the nurse's office, every Thursday in October, during PLC time. The program is funded through a state initiative and is a terrific opportunity students and staff to protect themselves during the flu season.
- As part of Homecoming Week, a Homecoming Tailgate event is being planned for October 7th. Everyone is invited to bring their own food, appropriate beverages and decorate their cars. There will be outside games and decorating activities as well as a yard sale of "vintage" Kennett athletic gear and new Kennett apparel
- Partnering with Lifetouch once again this school year, there are now pictures of each fall sports team displayed in the lobby outside of the gymnasium. Check it out!



Freshman Field Day Life of an Athlete Volunteers



Kennett Cheer Squad keeps up the Eagle Spirit

